
Community, Economic, & Human Development Committee
September 1, 2005

Action Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Deborah Robertson, at 10:16 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Arguello, Daniel	SGVCOG
Coerper, Gil	City of Huntington Beach
Jon A. Edney	City of El Centro/IVAG
Kirby, Dan	SGVCOG
Krause, Mary Ann	City of Santa Paula
Lantz, Paula	City of Pomona
Loveridge, Ronald	City of Riverside
McCallon, Larry	City of Highland
McCullough, Kathryn	OCCOG
Norby, Chris	Orange County
Nowatka, Paul	City of Torrance
Poe, Marilyn	City of Los Alamitos
Robertson, Deborah (Chair)	City of Rialto
Ten, Mike	SGVCOG
White, Charles	WRCOG Subregion

Members Not Present

Bowlen, Paul (Vice Chair)	City of Cerritos (Excused Absence)
Davert, Doug	City of Tustin
Dispenza, Mike	City of Palmdale
Hofmeyer, Daryl	City of Paramount
Jasper, Timothy	City of Apple Valley
McSweeney, Susan	City of Westlake
Perry, Jan	City of Los Angeles
Reyes, Ed	City of Los Angeles
Richardson, Laura	City of Long Beach

New Member(s)

Fesmire, Melanie	CVAG
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Deborah Robertson called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. The Chair asked Councilmember Kirby to lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Minutes of the July 7, 2005 meeting

There were several changes made to the minutes of the July meeting:

Councilmember Coerper asked that the minutes of July 7 be corrected to indicate that Councilmember Poe was nominated for Vice Chair, not as Chair. It was so noted.

Chair Robertson was nominated for chair by Councilmember McCallon and seconded by Councilmember Richardson. It was then moved by Councilmember Arguello and seconded by Councilmember Ten to re-elect Deborah Robertson for Chair and was unanimously approved without objection. **Councilmember Marilyn Poe was nominated for Vice Chair by Councilmember Coerper and seconded by Councilmember Krause; Councilmember Poe declined the nomination.** Councilmember Paul Bowlen was nominated for Vice Chair by Chair Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Richardson. There were no other nominees for Vice Chair; therefore, Councilmember Bowlen was unanimously elected as Vice Chair.

The corrected statements for the nominees were made in the minutes.

The Chair asked that the spelling of her name be corrected it should be "Deborah". Councilmember Poe noted a change in the spelling of her name it should be "Marilyn".

After the text in the minutes for July were corrected, Councilmember Coerper moved, and it was seconded by Councilmember Krause to

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approve the minutes of July 7 with the changes specified. The motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 State and Federal Legislative Matrix

4.2.2 Compass 2% Implementation Partnership June 30, 2005 Meeting Notes

It was moved by Councilmember White to receive and file the above items and seconded by Councilmember Krause. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Lantz asked for clarification on including minutes of other meetings on the CEHD agenda. Staff responded if COGs wanted items provided to the Committee they could either let staff know of these items for inclusion in future agendas or bring them to the CEHD meeting for distribution under the public comments section.

There was a request that a list of absentee members of the Compass 2% Implementation Partnership be shown in future minutes.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Sponsor the 2005 Housing Summit: Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing

Joe Carreras, SCAG Staff, presented the request from the Building Industry Association (BIA) that the Committee approve in concept the support of the Southern California 2005 Housing Summit: Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing which will be held September 19th at the Ontario Convention Center. The Summit's purpose is to discuss the Southland housing affordability crisis that is pushing home ownership further out of reach for families across the region.

Mr. Carreras noted that attending the Summit there would be such distinguished guests as HUD secretary Alphonso Jackson, Lucy Dunn of the California State Housing Director, the League of California Cities President, many builders, and developers.

Mr. Carreras stated that as a sponsor for the event, SCAG would have a booth to promote the Compass growth vision and implementation strategies as well as the suite of services that are being offered for local governments. SCAG will also

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insure that the members of the CEHD and Regional Council will have the \$25.00 registration cost waived.

It was moved by Councilmember McCallon, and seconded by Councilmember Poe to approve event sponsor of the "2005 Housing Summit: Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing" scheduled for September 19th at the Ontario Convention Center. The motion was passed unanimously

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Compass 2% Strategy Update

Mark Butala, SCAG Staff, stated that the Executive Committee had recommended that the organization enter into a 2-year contract with the Fragonese/Calthorp organization to continue work with SCAG staff on the 2% Compass Strategy. The contract should be signed by October. The value of this contract is \$2.6 million, half of which should go back to the local governments through the demonstration project partnership opportunities.

Mr. Butala then reported that staff has been making Compass presentations to such organizations as the League of California Cities Executive Board, approximately 25 cities, L.A. County Board of Realtors, Ventura County Civic Alliance, and the Orange County Civic Council. Staff expects to be on the agendas for the upcoming Rail Revolution conference, and the ULI annual meeting-taking place in November.

Mr. Butala then reported on the SCAG effort to obtain State Blueprint planning grant funds and asked for the Committee's support in securing this grant funding. Our application will be for 2.5-3 million dollars, contingent upon match. The grant money will be used to fund plans and programs that help integrate land use, housing and transportation decision-making.

Chair Robertson asked if staff could give members a form letter of general support that could be added to member's letterhead to bring these state monies to Southern California. Ms. Harris promised to do so.

The committee thanked Mark for his update.

6.2 Another Step Forward—a video presentation on high density, mixed-use design options by Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)

Mr. Rick Bishop, Executive Director for the Western Regional Council Of Government, presented the COG's DVD project entitled "Another Step Forward".

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Mr. Bishop stated that the video was designed to inform the public about high density and mixed-use project option in Western Riverside County.

After a brief discussion of the video, the Committee thanked Mr. Bishop for his presentation.

Chair Robertson then introduced and welcomed the latest member of CEHD, Councilmember Melanie Fesmire, from the City of Indio, who will be representing CVAG.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Robertson introduced the item calling for volunteers to for the Economic Forecast Conference and Housing Summit Steering Committees. Chair Robertson asked if there might be a way to combine the two events instead of having 2 separate events.

Ms. Harris stated that this year, for the first time, the Economic Forecast Conference is timed to coincide with the release of the State of the Region Report. The Economic Forecast Conference is scheduled for the third week of January of 2006. Typically there are two or three volunteers from the CEHD to work with staff to put the program together, moderate, review material and develop the logistics.

Joe Carreras spoke on the need for volunteers to help develop the program for the Regional Summit that is scheduled for April of 2006. The Housing Summit is an annual event SCAG committed to with the State HCD department at the end of the last RHNA.

After a discussion among the Committee, Chair Robertson reiterated that she wanted staff to look into the possibility of combining these two conferences. Hasan Ikhrata, Director of Planning and Policy, stated that staff would look into the pros and cons of combining the two conferences and come back to the Committee with a report.

In summary, there were three volunteers to work with staff Councilmember Kathryn McCullough, Councilmember Melanie Fesmire, and Councilmember Marilyn Poe.

6.3 Expanded Regional Comprehensive Plan Approach and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, gave a brief presentation on the report from the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force on continuing CEQA Reform discussions and potential approach for the RCP. Mr. Lieb stated the Task Force is considering new RCP approach in order to take advantage of an opportunity presented by CEQA reform. The new approach includes (1) outcome based plan, (2) full coordination with other State and regional plans, (3) develop regional mitigation and finance structure.

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Jacob Lieb turned the presentation over to Councilmember Nowatka, the Vice Chair of the RCP Task Force. Councilmember Nowatka detailed the work being done by the Task Force and agreed with Mr. Lieb by saying the RCP Task supports the new approach and he too asked for feedback and comments.

After a lengthy discussion among committee members there was general agreement that the committee is concerned that CEQA streamlining might circumvent local control on project approval or on the ability to exact mitigation.

8.0 STAFF REPORT

Lynn Harris, SCAG Staff, reported that nothing had changed between SCAG and HCD from last July's report regarding Stated approval of changing the RHNA schedule.

6.4 Review of SCAG RHNA Responsibilities and Schedule

This item was held over until the October meeting.

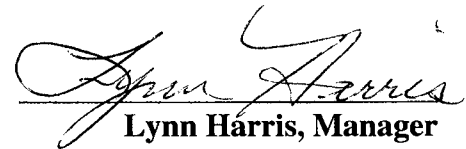
9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

SCAG RHNA Responsibilities and Schedule

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember McCullough and seconded by Councilmember Coerper to adjourn at 11:46 a.m. motion passed unanimously. The next CEHD meeting will be held in October at the SCAG office.

Action Minutes Approved by:


**Lynn Harris, Manager
Community Development**